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SUBJECT: VISIT OF "TIME" CORRESPONDENTS

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1. MOHAMMED MAS'UD, ACTING MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT VISAS "PROBABLY" CAN BE GIVEN TO "TIME" CORRESPONDENTS. HE WILL SPEAK WITH PRINCE FAHD EARLY THIS AFTERNOON (DEC 12).

2. MAS'UD SAID BEFORE HE MAKES PITCH TO FAHD HE WANTED TO BE SURE CORRESPONDENTS STILL WANT TO COME IN DURING PERIOD OF INTENSE SAUDI HAJ ACTIVITIES.

3. HE SAID THEY MUST UNDERSTAND THREE POINTS:

A. THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO SEE KING;

B. MANY OF THE MINISTERS THEY WILL WISH TO SEE WILL BE BUSY WITH HAJ OR OUT OF COUNTRY;

C. THEY WILL HAVE TO FIND THEIR OWN ACCOMMODATIONS. SAG EVICTED ONE HOTEL TENANT TO GET ROOM FOR WILTON WYNN. THEY WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO DO THIS FOR THE OTHERS.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: ASK PRAGER, IF HE OR OTHERS STILL
WANT TO COME AFTER ACCEPTING PARA 3 CONDITIONS, POINT
OUT TO THEM THAT GOVERNMENT WILL BE CLOSED FROM DEC 19
TO DEC 28 AND NO RPT NO BUSINESS CONDUCTED THEN; LET US
KNOW PRAGER'S REPLY BY NOON (0900 GMT) TODAY (DEC 12)
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